



University of Otago

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Me he manawa tītī, me he kuaka mārangaranga. Ko te reo rāhiri, ko te reo pōwhiri e karanga atu ana ki a koutou ngā tītī, ngā kuaka, ngā manu tawhiti kia whai wāhi ai koutou ki te whenua haumako, te ākau mātauranga o Aotearoa, a ko te Whare Wānanga o Otāgo. Tēnā, karāpinepine mai, whakarauika mai.

Ahakoā tō awhero, ahakoā tō wawata he wāhi hāneanea mōu, he ara whakamua mōu hei whakatutuki i tēnā tāu e hiahia ai. Mēnā ka whai tohu koe ki Te Kete Aronui, ki te Ture, ki te Pūtaiao, ki te Hauora, ki te Tauhokohoko rānei, ahakoā te kaupapa he wāhi mōu, he tohu mōu.

Ko te ringa āwhina ka toro atu ki a koutou, ko ngā pou taunaki ka whakaakoria, ka ārahia, ka tautokona koe ki te rere atu ki ngā karamatamata, ki ngā kōtiritihi o te ngaru mātauranga nei.

Nā reira,

Nau mai, haere mai, tauti mai!





‘A Sooty Shearwater with a stout heart, the Godwit flock rises as one’. The voice of welcome from the University of Otago calls out to you, to take rest on this rich fertile land, on this coast of knowledge. As the first university in New Zealand, the University of Otago welcomes you all.

Whatever your dreams or aspirations, they can be realised here. Whether you want to pursue Humanities, Law, Science, Medicine or Business, there is a place for you here and a qualification to suit your specialty.

At the University of Otago we have the people to teach, guide and support you to fly to the mountain tops and beyond.

Welcome, welcome, welcome.

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Welcome to the University of Otago



The University of Otago was founded in 1869 by early Scottish settlers who recognised the importance of universities. Otago is the oldest and finest university in New Zealand with a long history of excellence in teaching and research. We work in partnership with Ngāi Tahu, the tangata whenua of this place. We value the strong cultural contribution of both elements of our history; the bagpipes and the haka can be heard on our campus and at our graduation ceremonies.

We are strongly committed to international education having collaborative teaching, research and exchange agreements with major institutions around the world. Otago offers a rich cultural life, reflecting a diverse international student community and New Zealand's own multicultural population. We are proud to be a foundation member of the Matariki Network of Universities, recognising our shared commitment to an ethos of excellence in research, scholarship and rounded education.

Students at Otago are taught by academic staff who are dedicated to teaching and who are internationally recognised for their research. We are committed to educating the next generation of professionals across a wide range of disciplines, and we are also committed to nurturing the

next generation of citizens in New Zealand and other parts of the globe. At Otago you will gain a world-class qualification, and you will also learn other important lessons along the way – lessons that will allow you to thrive in all aspects of your adult life. In addition, you will make friends who you will keep for a lifetime.

In order to make the best of your brief time with us, I strongly encourage you to be the best student you can be. I also encourage you to take advantage of the wide range of extracurricular and co-curricular activities that we have on offer. The University of Otago is located in one of the most beautiful places on the planet – please take time out to discover the beaches, the hills and the native flora and fauna that are right on our doorstep. Most importantly, I challenge you to dream.

I warmly welcome you to this exciting new chapter of your life.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Harlene Hayne".

PROFESSOR HARLENE HAYNE
Vice-Chancellor
June 2018

Why Otago?



Highest possible international
quality rating



20,000 students, including
2,800 international students
from 100 countries



Ranked in the top 1% of
universities in the world
(*QS World Rankings*)



15 residential colleges
accommodating 3,500 students



New Zealand's first university,
celebrating 150 years in 2019
otago.ac.nz/150



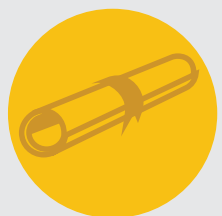
95% of graduates go into work
or on to further study



More than 195 undergraduate
and postgraduate programmes



We offer more than 150
student clubs and societies



Unmatched record in the National
Teaching Excellence Awards: seven
Supreme Award winners



Dunedin is a gigatown
with 1gb/s connectivity



Rated top university in New Zealand
for international student experience
(*International Student Barometer 2017*)



Recognised as one of the 16 most
beautiful campuses in the world
(*Huffington Post*)

New Zealand Aotearoa

Embracing visitors
as whānau (family)
underpins every aspect
of our identity.



1. Dunedin

Known as the gateway to the South Island, basing yourself in Dunedin allows for a comparably affordable way for you to access many of New Zealand's world-renowned destinations of immense natural beauty, or enjoy adventure activities.



2. Queenstown, Arrowtown and Wanaka 3.5 hours' drive.

Queenstown, the birthplace of bungee, is known as the Adventure Sports Capital of the World. The stunningly beautiful gorges and lakeside environment provide the perfect setting for skydiving, canyon swinging, jet boating and white-water rafting. This is also the Southern Hemisphere's top ski resort area and has great nightlife once the sun goes down.

Photograph by AJ Hackett Bungee

New Zealand is truly unique.

It is a safe and fun destination with friendly people, easy access to the outdoors, immersive experiences and rich culture.

It is also one of the least crowded countries in the world, with a physical size comparable to Japan or Great Britain and a population of only 4.7 million people (affectionately known as 'Kiwis').

The country is made up of two major islands (the North and South Islands) and a number of smaller islands, including Stewart Island.

Approximately two thirds of the population lives in the North Island. Auckland has over 1.3 million people, followed by the capital city Wellington and Christchurch (which each have about 400,000). Dunedin's population is around 120,000.

Māori were the first inhabitants of New Zealand Aotearoa across Te Ika a Maui

(North Island) and Te Waipounamu (South Island).

According to Māori, Kupe ventured from the Polynesian homeland of Hawaiiki to New Zealand on a waka hourua (voyaging canoe) around 1,000 years ago navigating by the stars and ocean currents. Several waka hourua arrived across the country over hundreds of years, and Māori established themselves as the first inhabitants and caretakers of the land.

Dutch explorer Abel Tasman was the first European to discover New Zealand, in 1642. English navigator James Cook mapped the country in 1769–70. Later, sealers, whalers and traders arrived and the following two centuries saw waves of European settlement.

Today the country is diverse and multicultural, enhanced by the growing number of people from the Pacific and Asia who have made New Zealand their home in recent years.

Kiwis have a reputation for being resourceful and innovative. New Zealand's urban centres are full of cafes, restaurants, arts, industry and fashion. Farming remains the country's major export industry and there is a growing focus on ecotourism ventures, the wine industry, fashion design and a flourishing film industry that is gaining international recognition.

New Zealand is renowned for its spectacular landscapes – from dramatic mountain ranges and steaming volcanoes, to sandy swimming beaches and wild and rugged coastline.

The South Island has some of the world's most picturesque scenery. Beaches, glaciers, lakes and fiords, and mountains with world-class ski resorts are all easily accessible from your base in Dunedin.



3. Fiordland

4.5 hours' drive.

Fiordland is one of the most dramatic and beautiful parts of New Zealand and has three of New Zealand's "Great Walks" – the Milford, Kepler and Routeburn Tracks.



4. Aoraki Mount Cook

4 hours' drive.

Aoraki Mount Cook National Park is home to New Zealand's highest mountain and longest glacier. Visitors come here to hike, climb, cycle, paddle among icebergs in glacial lakes, or sit and soak up the spectacular views.

Photograph by Fraser Gunn



5. The Catlins

1.5 hours' drive.

The Catlins is an area of great contrasts and natural beauty – from magnificent coastal cliffs and long sweeping beaches, to rainforests, hidden waterfalls and rolling farmland.



Dunedin: New Zealand's student capital

Our 20,000 students make up one fifth of Dunedin's population, creating an energy and atmosphere that you'll only find at Otago.

The town and the University campus developed together, so Dunedin is one of just a handful of places worldwide where education is the main activity of the city.

Our campus and residential colleges are located in the heart of town, and all of Dunedin's cafés, music venues, designer boutiques and stores, museums and galleries are never more than a short walk away.

When it comes to sport, Otago takes on the best in the world. The University's facilities are state-of-the-art and New Zealand's only covered sports field, Forsyth Barr Stadium, is right on your doorstep for top-level rugby.

But that's just the beginning. Dunedin is a small city between the mountains, the harbour and the sea – that means there's heaps of things to do and it's easy to get to. Experience the distinctive beauty of each of Dunedin's four seasons. The temperate climate brings warm summers and mild winters with some frost and very occasional snowfalls. No other city in the country has the same range, quality and accessibility of leisure activities. Ride the best waves in the world, take on mighty mountain biking tracks, paddle-board, kayak or sail on the harbour, or head to Central Otago for a weekend on New Zealand's top ski fields.

Imagine changing out of your wetsuit then walking to the city centre for lunch, or snowboarding all day and getting home in time to catch your favourite band. It's just part of life in Dunedin.



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www.DunedinNZ.com





Photograph by bennettandslater.co.nz



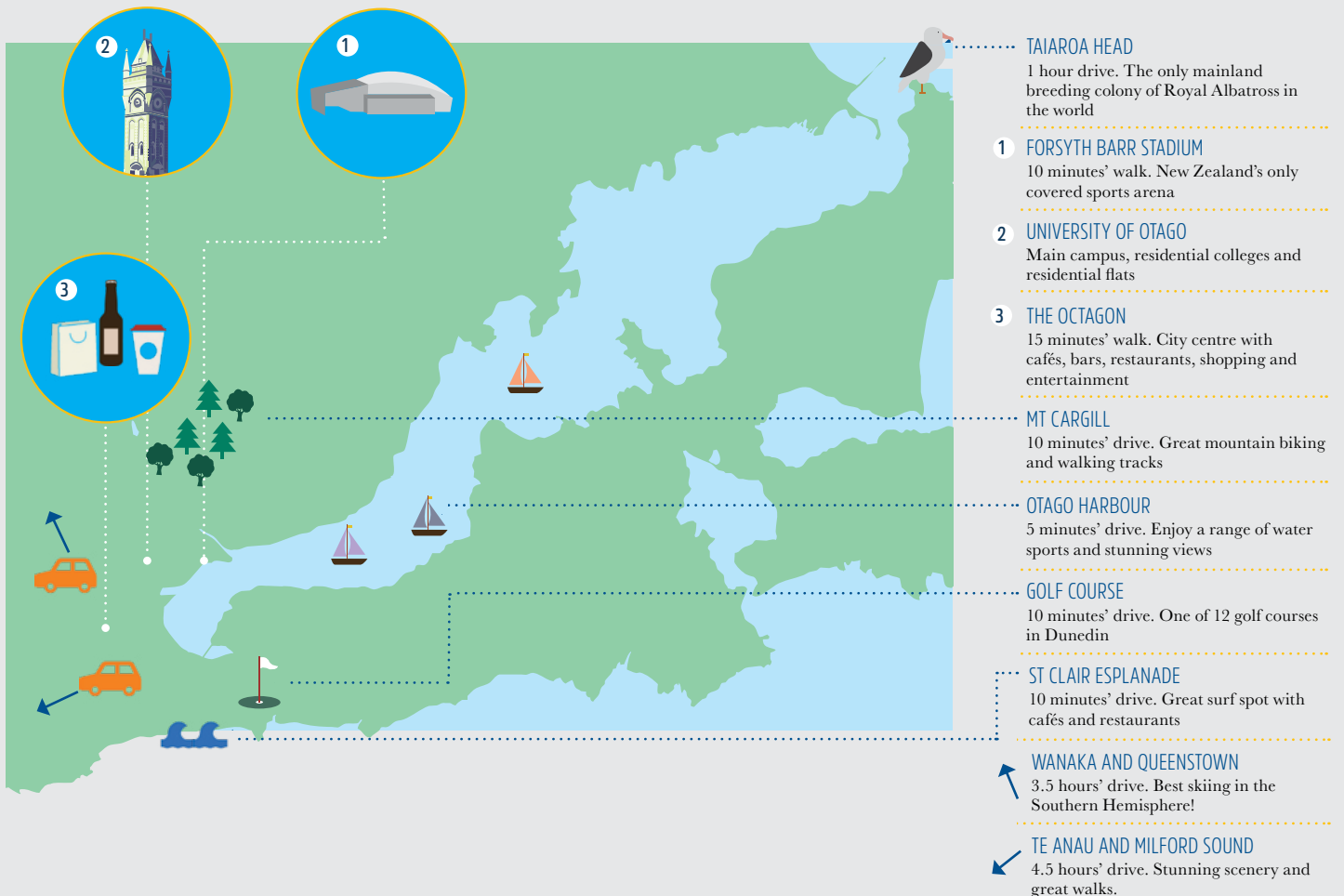
City and campus

Although Dunedin is surrounded by hills, most of the central city and north and south Dunedin is generally flat and easily accessible. Unlike larger cities, you don't need a car to get around in Dunedin. It's a 10-minute walk from the campus, residential colleges and student flats into the centre of town, and there is a good public transport system covering all of the main suburbs.

“The University has a lot to offer – more than you could possibly do in one semester. You get to experience so many different activities and as a result you grow as a person.”

Dayton Pax, USA

Explore the Dunedin region





Life at Otago

Making a decision to study overseas is a bold one – the University of Otago will support you to make the most of your time here.

Most study takes place at our campus in Dunedin, a safe city that is easy to get around and has a relatively inexpensive cost of living. The University also has campuses in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Invercargill.

Most of our study abroad and exchange students stay in university-managed flats which provide the freedom and opportunity to live the local student lifestyle, while ensuring you have the support to help you get the very best out of your time at Otago.

A first-class education requires world-class facilities and Otago is known for its state-of-the-art lecture theatres, research labs and libraries. There's also unlimited wi-fi across campus and our computer labs are open 24/7.

Otago's International Office provides specialist support for international students, welcoming you with a tailored orientation programme and providing ongoing help and support throughout your time here.

Otago is globally recognised for its student experience. We are rated the top university in New Zealand for international experience (*International Student Barometer*) and have been

recognised by Study International as one of the top four international universities to provide a balance of academic excellence alongside an unrivalled student experience.

For those who like to play for fun, the University's Clubs and Societies programme offers over 150 short courses and activities, from arts and crafts to dancing and cooking, languages and music.

If you're serious about sport, then Otago is the best place to be. What other university hosts international cricket minutes from campus, and international rugby right next door?

Unipol Recreation Centre is a superb gym facility that offers everything you need free of charge, including cardio and weights, sports halls, group fitness classes, social sport and outdoor adventures – whatever you need to get your fix of the outdoors.

You won't regret choosing the all-round experience that only Otago can offer.



Accommodation

Flatting is an important part of the university lifestyle; it offers responsibility, freedom, and the chance to live and mix with “Kiwi” students.

University-managed flats and houses

The majority of study abroad and exchange students stay in rented accommodation which they share with other students. In New Zealand we call this “flatting”. The University Flats are houses or apartments with three to six students that are totally integrated into the local students’ neighbourhoods and all within 10 minutes’ walking distance of campus. This provides a unique opportunity to live the local student lifestyle, and most have a New Zealand “Kiwi Host” student.

The University Flats are fully furnished with shared common spaces. Each student has their own room with desk, chair, drawers, double bed and linen provided. Internet and electricity are included in the rent, however food and cooking are the responsibility of the students in the flat.

otago.ac.nz/uniflats

Applying for a flat

The Student Accommodation Centre manages the applications for University Flats. You should submit your application by mid-November of the preceding year for a February start, or by the end of May for a July start.

otago.ac.nz/accommodation/apply-for-accommodation

Alternative accommodation

University Flats provide the best living experience for study abroad and exchange students, however in some cases students may wish to live with a local family (homestay) or in a fully catered residential college. Rooms in residential colleges are only provided in the rare event of a place being available for a single semester student. If you would like further information about homestays and residential colleges, please contact the Student Accommodation Centre.

Temporary accommodation

If you plan to arrive before your permanent accommodation is available, it is important that you organise temporary accommodation in advance for when you first arrive in Dunedin.

The Student Accommodation Centre provides a list of options including backpackers, “bed and breakfasts” and motels that are close to the University.

otago.ac.nz/accommodation

Student support

Our top-quality education and facilities are matched by our range of student support services, dedicated to helping you get the very best out of your time at Otago.

Campus Watch

The Campus Watch teams are out and about 24/7, offering assistance and advice around campus and North Dunedin whenever it is required.

otago.ac.nz/campus-watch

Career Development Centre

The Career Development Centre runs workshops, co-ordinates employer presentations and career fairs, has a range of career information for students, and has career advisers available for one-to-one discussions.

otago.ac.nz/careers

Chaplains

The University chaplaincy team is available to offer pastoral care and spiritual support to anyone who wants to talk in confidence, whatever their beliefs.

otago.ac.nz/chaplain

Computer services

Otago provides a range of IT services to students: 24-hour wireless study spaces with printers and computers, student webmail and online Office 365, and a student desktop that's accessible anywhere. Our friendly Student IT support team provide help, advice and training. Student IT offer free, short training sessions while ITS Training provides subsidised longer courses on all the software you'll require for your courses.

otago.ac.nz/studentit

Disability Information and Support Office (DI&S)

DI&S provides learning support, advice, advocacy and information to international students with disabilities, impairments, medical conditions or injuries that may impact on their study. It is important that you check in advance to ensure that the University is able to meet your specific requirements.

otago.ac.nz/disabilities

International Office

The International Office provides information, support and advice to future and current international students and to students wishing to study overseas on exchange programmes. It runs on-campus orientation programmes for new international students including a wide variety of events to assist you in adjusting to life at Otago. It operates an international friendship network, offers a student visa renewal service, assistance with insurance, and US Financial Aid. All enquiries from prospective international students about application and admission should be directed to the International Office.

otago.ac.nz/international

Libraries

The University of Otago Libraries offer an outstanding range of information services, quality resources, wi-fi and warm comfortable facilities suitable for individual or group learning. Whether you are studying on or off campus, enjoy access to a wide variety of print, electronic and audio-visual resources. Make the most of readily available expert assistance with sourcing and evaluating library resources and developing your search skills from friendly, knowledgeable staff.

otago.ac.nz/library

Otago University Students' Association (OUSA)

OUSA membership is free for students and is an independent organisation that represents students' interests within the University, in the media, and with local and national government.

OUSA can help you with lost property, tickets to gigs, answering your questions and much more. The Student Support Centre offers a friendly and confidential advisory service to help make your student experience as trouble-free as possible. It's all free, so if you need a bit of help, a mediator, or some friendly advice OUSA can help you.

OUSA also owns Radio One 91FM, Dunedin's finest independent radio station, and student magazine *The Critic*.

ousa.org.nz

Student Health Services

Student Health is centrally located on campus in a purpose-built facility. We have approximately 55 staff, comprising nurses, general practitioners, counsellors, psychiatrists and administrative staff.

We endeavour to provide the best health care possible in a manner that is competent, compassionate, confidential, timely and in an atmosphere of mutual responsibility and respect.

We provide daily urgent and routine appointments to all international students. Different consultation fees may apply for international students and most international students are not entitled to publicly-funded health services while in New Zealand. Full details on entitlements to publicly-funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health.

otago.ac.nz/studenthealth
health.govt.nz

Student Learning Development

Student Learning Development offers a free service for enrolled students. Assistance includes interactive workshops, individual consultations with learning advisers, and peer learning and support programmes. The Peer Leadership Programme offers students opportunities to develop leadership skills through a range of workshops, activities and online study resources.

otago.ac.nz/sld

Recreation at Otago

Unipol Recreation Services and the OUSA Clubs and Societies team provide a comprehensive programme to ensure students maintain a healthy, balanced and fun lifestyle while studying at Otago. With many recreational opportunities on and off campus there really is something for everyone!

Unipol

Unipol is a fantastic facility that includes weight training and cardio rooms, and team sports areas where students and their friends can participate in casual sports such as basketball, table tennis and more. Entry is free with a current student ID card.

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Gear for fun

Get active and have fun with Unipol's quality recreation equipment that can be hired at affordable prices, all year round. From the beach to the mountains, they have your outdoor activities covered.

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OUSA Clubs and Societies

The OUSA recreation programme offers over 150 sporting, cultural, political and religious clubs and societies, which are all 100 per cent student-led. The programme includes arts and craft, dance, exercise, health and sport, music and singing, languages, food and beverage, and everything and anything in between.

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UniCrew Volunteers

UniCrew Volunteers supports students to lead social projects that address causes they care about, and helps connect students with opportunities to make positive changes in our community. Through volunteering you will gain valuable learning experiences as well as a chance to apply skills and knowledge you already have.





University Terminology 101

Bachelor's degrees

New Zealand universities generally offer a three-year undergraduate bachelor's degree – the subject you choose to specialise in is called your major. The major subject is generally studied in every year of the course, with the third year increasing in difficulty and specialisation.

Papers

The building blocks of the degree are called papers. A paper is a fixed amount of work in certain aspects of a subject at a particular level. Choosing the right papers is generally done in conjunction with a Study Abroad/Exchange adviser from your home university.

Introductory papers are called 100-level papers, and you move on in subsequent years or semesters to 200-level and 300-level papers. Usually students take a mixture of 100, 200 and 300-level papers in their semester at Otago. Papers beyond 300-level are normally postgraduate papers and require an advanced background.

Otago offers a range of papers with a uniquely New Zealand or Pacific focus. This is a great way to incorporate formal learning about the culture, society, natural and physical environment of New Zealand into the Study Abroad/Exchange experience.

Prerequisites and corequisites

Most papers beyond 100-level have prerequisites. If you have not completed a prerequisite for a paper, you are not normally permitted to enrol in that paper.

Some papers have corequisites. If you have not already passed a corequisite, you must take it at the same time as your other paper.

Workload

Most papers are single semester papers and are worth 18 points. A full-time course is generally 54-72 points in any one semester (three to four papers). As an approximate guide, you can expect to spend about 12 hours per week for each single-semester paper (18 points). These hours are made up of a combination of lectures, tutorials, laboratories, assignments and reading.

18 Otago points are worth approximately 9 ECTS and 3-5 US credits.

Teaching

The basic method of presenting subject information at university is the lecture, although many departments use a variety of other approaches. Lectures normally last 50 minutes and are a straightforward means of introducing new knowledge. You must back lectures up with your own wide reading. You will have essays and assignments, and may take part in laboratories or tutorials where more individual attention is available. You may also find you are in regular contact with tutors, other academic staff and other students.

Assessment

Papers are assessed in a variety of ways. Examinations (finals) are usually the most important and most papers end with a three-hour examination at the end of each semester. Many subjects also have shorter tests during the year, and written assignments and laboratory work often count towards your final grade.

Semesters

The University operates two semesters per year. Some papers are completed in a single semester (i.e. a half year, either first or second semester), while others run for the whole year. Some single-semester papers are offered in each semester, while others occur only once a year.

Summer School

The University offers a Summer School from early January to mid-February each year. This gives students the opportunity to study one or two papers for credit over a shorter teaching period and outside the standard semester timetable.

otago.ac.nz/summerschool

International School

An International School programme is offered in June-July each year, giving international students an opportunity to gain credits toward their degree.

otago.ac.nz/internationalschool

Discover Aotearoa and the Pacific

Many of the exciting and rewarding experiences you will have while studying and living overseas will come from engaging with people from other cultures, and seeing environments that are unlike your own.

At Otago we want you to make the most of your time with us and we offer a range of papers that allow you to fully immerse yourself in all that is New Zealand.

We believe that learning not only happens in our lecture theatres and laboratories, but also in real time, in the real world. This 'hands-on' style of learning will take you outside the classroom and into our beautiful country.

We offer field trips to remote areas where you can explore the geological features and processes that shaped Aotearoa New Zealand, learn about the creatures that inhabit our shores, and step aboard our RV *Polaris II* research ship for a no-holds-barred experience in oceanographic research examining the depths of the Pacific Ocean and the ecology of its marine life and ecosystems.

Discover what makes Central Otago wine so appealing with a paper dedicated to New Zealand's wine industry, or gain valuable cultural and social insights from papers on New Zealand literature and film.

You will also have a unique opportunity to develop an appreciation of the richness of the indigenous peoples and cultures of the Pacific, through papers on te ao Māori (the Māori world) and traditional and contemporary Pacific societies.

Examples of papers

ANTH 204	Pacific and New Zealand Archaeology
ECOL 111	Ecology and Conservation of Diversity
ENGL 242	New Zealand Literature: Connecting Worlds
GEOL 112	Dynamic Earth: A New Zealand Perspective
GEOL 252	Field Studies and New Zealand Geology
MAOR 102	Māori Society
MAOR 202	Māori and Tikanga
MARI 202	Marine Invertebrate Ecology and Biology
MFCO 216	New Zealand Cinema
NAUT 101	Nautical Studies 1
OCEN 301	Practical and Field Oceanography
PACI 101	Pacific Societies
TOUR 214	Introduction to Wine Business
TOUR 301	Cultural and Heritage Tourism





HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

140 YEARS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Otago offers a wide range of subjects in the humanities and social sciences that study abroad and exchange students from all majors will find enriches their experience in Aotearoa/New Zealand. Humanities subjects and departments at Otago enjoy a first-rate reputation, both nationally and internationally. In the 2018 World University Rankings, Otago secured top 100 rankings for arts and humanities, with eight subject areas ranked in the top 100 institutions in the world.

Subjects available

Anthropology
Archaeology
Art History and Visual Culture
Asian Studies
Biblical Studies
Buddhist Studies
Chinese
Christian Thought and History
Classics
Communication Studies
Computer Science
Criminology
Dance
Economics
Education
English
European Studies
Film and Media Studies
French
Gender Studies
Geography
German
Greek
History
Human Services Law
Indigenous Development/He Kura Matanui
Information Science
Irish Studies
Japanese

Language and Linguistics
Law
Linguistics
Māori Studies
Mathematics
Music
Pacific Islands Studies
Philosophy
Philosophy, Politics and Economics
Politics
Popular Music
Psychology
Religious Studies
Science Communication
Social Work
Sociology
Spanish
Statistics
Theatre Studies
Theology
Tourism, Languages and Cultures
Writing

To find all papers from a particular subject area type in the four letter code as shown above, e.g. "POLS", to find all Politics papers here:

otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects

Education and teaching students

If you are an education or teaching major wishing to teach in a New Zealand primary (elementary) school or early childhood centre, please ask us about our education study abroad opportunity. This course of study includes five weeks' teaching practice in local schools.

EDUC 240 Special Topic: Education in Aotearoa/New Zealand

EDPR 240 Special Topic: Engaging in Teaching

Plus an optional elective paper.



HUMAN HEALTH AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

NEW ZEALAND'S FIRST SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The University of Otago has a strong reputation for excellence in the areas of human health and medical science, stemming from the establishment of New Zealand's first school of medicine in 1877.

Opportunities for pre-med students

The University of Otago is the only New Zealand university to offer programmes in Dentistry, and one of only two to offer degrees in Pharmacy, Medicine and Physiotherapy.

The University of Otago recognises the particular needs of students pursuing pre-professional studies for Medicine at their home universities. Otago offers a selection of papers that will add an international perspective to complement pre-professional education.

Subjects available

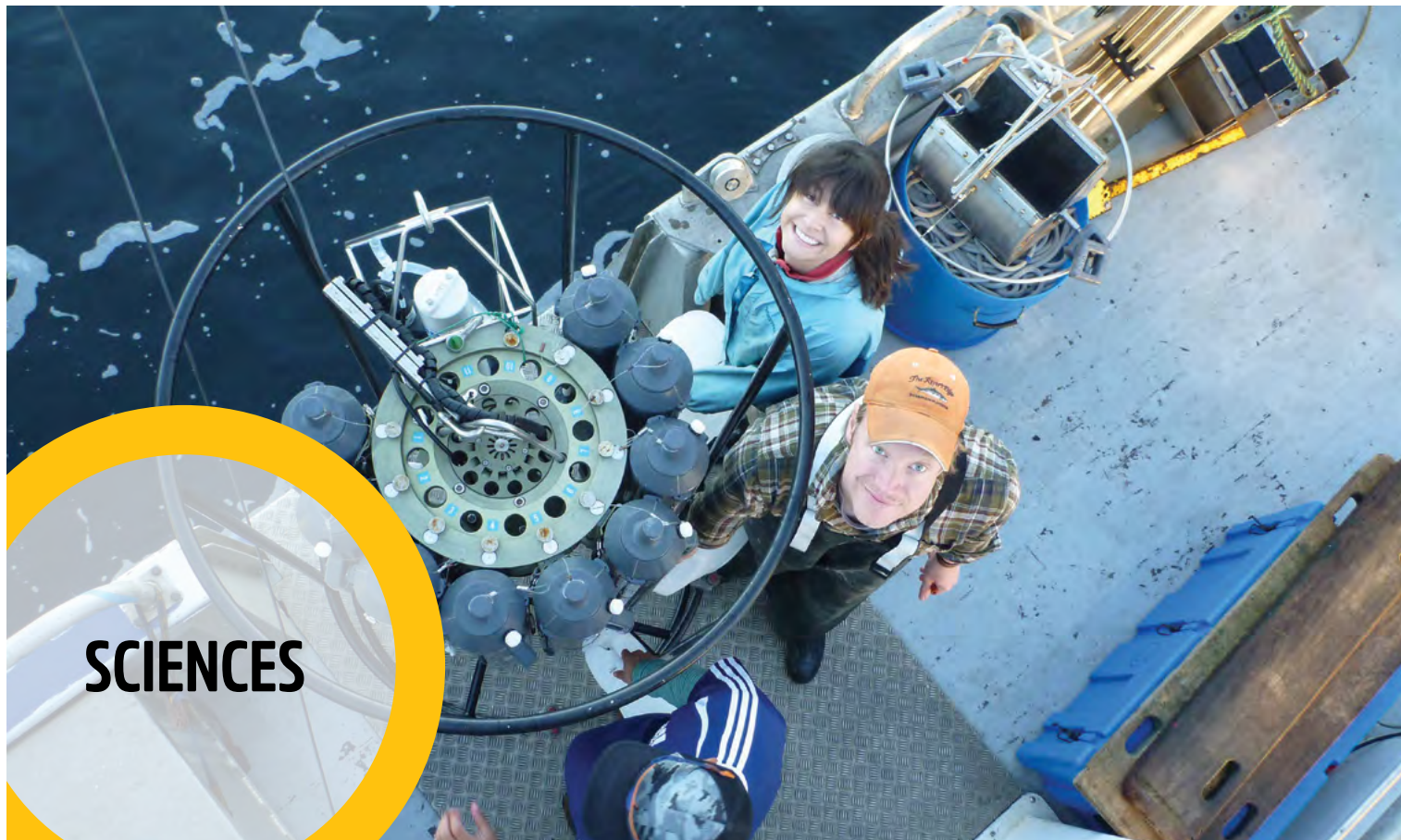
Anatomy (ANAT)	Microbiology (MICR)
Biochemistry (BIOC)	Neuroscience (NEUR)
Bioethics (BITC)	Pathology (PATH)
Biological Anthropology (BIOA)	Pharmacology (PHAL)
Cell and Molecular Biology (CELS)	Physiology (PHSL)
Forensic Analytical Science (FORS)/	
Biology (FORB)	
Genetics (GENE)	
Public Health (PUBH)	
Human Body Systems (HUBS)	
Human Nutrition (HUNT)	

To find all papers from a particular subject area type in the four letter code as shown above, e.g. "MICR", to find all Microbiology papers here:

otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects

Examples of papers

ANAT 250	Functional Anatomy
BIOA 101	Introduction to Biological Anthropology
BIOC 221	Molecular Biology
BITC 201	Bioethics and the Life Sciences
FORS 201	Analytical and Forensic Science
GENE 222	Genes, Chromosomes and Populations
MICR 223	Infection and Immunity
PATH 201	Foundations in Human Pathology
PHAL 211	Introductory Pharmacology
PHSL 231	Neurophysiology
PSYC 211	Brain and Cognition
PUBH 211	Epidemiology of Global Health Conditions
STAT 115	Introduction to Biostatistics



SCIENCES

OTAGO IS RECOGNISED AS A PREMIER LOCATION FOR SCIENCE STUDY

The Division of Sciences has research and teaching strengths in fundamental and applied sciences, in human performance and health, and in environmental science. We offer a number of disciplines that are unique to Otago. Studying science at Otago gives you the opportunity to participate and learn in an environment where cutting-edge research projects are underway all the time. It's an environment that has earned us our international reputation.

We have world-leading researchers and teachers, as well as unique field sites for environmental sciences. Our research and teaching facilities are state-of-the-art, but you can't beat having the deep ocean as your lab, or classes taught under the trees of one of the world's most beautiful campuses.

Subjects available

Aquaculture and Fisheries (AQFI)	Mathematics (MATH)
Biology (BIOL)	Nautical Studies (NAUT)
Botany (BTNY)	Neuroscience (NEUR)
Cell and Molecular Biology (CELS)	Oceanography (OCEN)
Chemistry (CHEM)	Physical Education and Sport Science (PHSE)
Clothing and Textile Sciences (CLTE)	Physics (PHSI)
Computational Modelling (COMO)	Plant Biotechnology (PLBI)
Computer Science (COMP, COSC)	Psychology (PSYC)
Earth and Ocean Science (EAOS)	Software Engineering (SENG)
Ecology (ECOL)	Statistics (STAT)
Electronics (ELEC)	Surveying (SURV)
Energy Management (EMAN)	Zoology (ZOO)
Environment and Society (ENVI)	
Food Science (FOSC)	
Geography (GEOG)	
Geology (GEOL)	
Human Nutrition (HUNT)	
Information Science (INFO)	
Marine Science (MARI)	

To find all papers from a particular subject area type in the four letter code as shown above, e.g. "PHSI", to find all Physics papers here:

otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects

Fieldwork and research opportunities

Otago's southern New Zealand location, in close proximity to wildlife, marine and geological areas of research interest, enables University departments to make the most of the natural laboratory on their doorstep. New Zealand-specific content and exploratory field trips are common components to many science courses in, for example, Botany, Ecology, Geography, Geology and Marine Science. In addition, a number of papers offered at Otago provide the opportunity to undertake a small, independent research project.

Examples of papers

AQFI 301	Field Methods for Assessment of Fisheries and Aquatic Habitats
BTNY 303	Topics in Field Botany
EAOS 111	Earth and Ocean Science
ECOL 212	Ecological Applications
GEOL 252	Field Studies and New Zealand Geology
MARI 302	Biology and Behaviour of Marine Vertebrates
OCEN 301	Practical and Field Oceanography
PHSE 327	Adventure Education
ZOOL 319	Conservation Biology



BUSINESS

A LEADING INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SCHOOL

The Otago Business School has an extensive subject range, expert teachers, a recently completed \$18-million-dollar redevelopment of facilities, and excellent student services. The School holds accreditation from both the US-based Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS).

Study Abroad students can take advantage of the range of opportunities available at the School, including the Visiting Executive Programme (VEP). The VEP is designed to bring leading national and international executives to the School to give lunchtime seminars to students. In the past, VEP speakers have included the Hon. Bill English, New Zealand's Former Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and Lara Ariell, Chief Financial Officer of Inland Revenue.

Subjects available

Accounting (ACCT, ACFI, ACTP)
Business Law (BLAW)
Business Studies (BSNS)
Economics (ECON)
Finance (FINC)
Information Science (INFO)
Management (MANT)
Marketing (MART)
Tourism (TOUR)

To find all papers from a particular subject area type in the four letter code as shown above, e.g. "MANT", to find all Management papers here:

otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects

Examples of papers

BSNS 111	Business and Society	MANT 217	International Management
BSNS 112	Interpreting Business Data	MANT 250	Managing People
BSNS 114	Financial Decision Making	MANT 303	Entrepreneurship
ECON 201	Microeconomics	MART 112	Marketing Management
ECON 206	The World Economy	MART 207	Sports Marketing
ECON 302	International Trade	MART 305	Societal Issues in Marketing
FINC 202	Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management	TOUR 101	Introduction to Tourism
FINC 304	Financial Markets and Institutions	TOUR 219	Destination Management
		TOUR 304	Event and Conventions Management



Exchange

The University of Otago has formal exchange agreements with many institutions worldwide, allowing for the reciprocal exchange of students.

otago.ac.nz/student-exchange

If you are enrolled at an institution listed below, please contact your home institution's international office for further information on selection procedures. If your university does not have an exchange agreement with the University of Otago, you are welcome to apply as a study abroad student.

otago.ac.nz/study-abroad

ARGENTINA AUSTRALIA

Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina
La Trobe University (Indigenous)
Melbourne University (Indigenous)
University of Western Australia
Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien
Catholic University of Louvain (Business School)
Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV-EAESP)
Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro

AUSTRIA BELGIUM

Universiti Brunei Darassalam
Brock University
Dalhousie University
McGill University
Memorial University of Newfoundland (Indigenous)
Mt Allison University
Queen's University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Toronto
Western University, Western Law and Richard Ivey School of Business
York University, Schulich School of Business

CHILE CHINA

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
Chinese University of Hong Kong
Dalian University of Foreign Languages
Fudan University
Ocean University of China
Sun Yat-sen University, Business School
Tsinghua University and Tsinghua University School of Economics and Management

CZECH REPUBLIC

Charles University
University of Economics, Prague
Aarhus University and Aarhus University School of Business and Social Sciences
University of Copenhagen and Copenhagen Business School (CBS)

DENMARK

ENGLAND

Aston University, Aston Business School
Durham University
Falmouth University
University of Bristol
University of East Anglia
University of Essex
University of Exeter
University of Manchester and Alliance Manchester Business School

FINLAND

FRANCE

Aalto University School of Business
University of Helsinki
Grenoble Ecole de Management
Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3
Université Joseph Fourier
Université Sorbonne Nouvelle (Paris 3)
Universität Heidelberg (Ruprecht-Karls-Universität)
Universität Leipzig, Social Sciences and Philosophy
Universität Tübingen
University of Cologne Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Science

GERMANY

HONG KONG

Chinese University of Hong Kong and CUHK Faculty of Business
University of Hong Kong
Corvinus University of Budapest
University of Iceland

HUNGARY ICELAND



'Sahara Desert' by Otago student Melanie Morris, who completed an exchange at the University of Amsterdam.

INDIA	Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad	TAIWAN	National Taiwan Normal University
IRELAND	University College Dublin, National University of Ireland and Lochlann Quinn School of Business	THAILAND	Mahidol University, College of Management
ITALY	Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi	THE NETHERLANDS	Erasmus University, Rotterdam School of Management Leiden University University of Amsterdam
JAPAN	Hirosaki University Hokkaido University Keio University Kyoto University Ochanomizu University Otaru University of Commerce Rissho University University of Tokyo Yokohama National University	TURKEY	Graduate School of Social Sciences, of Middle East Technical University
MEXICO	Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) Universidad Veracruzana	USA	Boston College Colorado Boulder Duke University, Fuqua School of Business MBA Florida International University Indiana University, Kelley School of Business MBA Texas Tech University University of California (9 campuses) University of Colorado Boulder University of Hawai'i at Manoa University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management and Department of Food Science and Nutrition University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, UNC Kenan-Flagler School of Business and UNC MBA Programme University of Oregon University of Richmond University of Texas and McCombs School of Business University of Virginia Willamette University (Indigenous)
NORWAY	University of Bergen		Cardiff University
POLAND	Warsaw School of Economics		
PORTUGAL	Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Faculdade de Economia		
SCOTLAND	University of Edinburgh University of Glasgow University of Strathclyde		
SINGAPORE	National University of Singapore Trinity Theological College		
SPAIN	ESADE Universidad Complutense de Madrid		
SWEDEN	Lund University Stockholm School of Economics Umeå University Uppsala University	WALES	
SWITZERLAND	Universität St Gallen		



Essential information

Code of Practice

The University of Otago has agreed to observe and be bound by the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016. Copies of the code are available on request from the University of Otago or from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website.

minedu.govt.nz

Student visa

You need to be granted a student visa before entering New Zealand and continue to hold a valid student visa throughout your enrolment period at the University of Otago. Full details of student visa requirements are available from Immigration New Zealand. If you are already in New Zealand on a student visa, and you wish to renew it, you may be able to do this on campus through the International Office.

immigration.govt.nz/study

If you're planning on bringing your spouse/partner and/or children with you to New Zealand, they will need to apply for an appropriate visa based on their circumstances.

immigration.govt.nz/joinfamily

Work rights

International students may be granted work rights of up to 20 hours a week during the academic year and full time during all scheduled holidays and/or during the summer holiday period. Visa conditions do not restrict the number of hours that research masters' or doctoral programme students may work.

On completion of your University of Otago qualification you may be eligible to apply for the 12 month Post Study Work Visa – Open. If you obtain an offer of full-time employment in the same area as your qualification you may subsequently apply for the Post Study Work Visa – Employer Assisted.

Please check your eligibility at immigration.govt.nz/work

Medical and travel insurance

All international students are required to have comprehensive health and travel insurance while in New Zealand. The University of Otago's recommended policy is Studentsafe Inbound University. When you enrol you will automatically be covered by Studentsafe, and the insurance premium will be added to your student account. Further details are available on our website including information on using an alternative insurance policy.

otago.ac.nz/international/healthcare.html

Accident insurance

The Accident Compensation Corporation provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents and temporary visitors to New Zealand, but you may still be liable for all other medical and related costs. Further information can be viewed on the ACC Website.

acc.co.nz

How to apply

Application deadlines

You can start study at the beginning of the first semester (February to June), the second semester (July to November), Summer School (January to February) or International School (June to July).

The deadlines for applications are:

First Semester: 1 December
Second Semester: 30 April
Summer School: 31 October

If you are participating in an Exchange programme you must be nominated by your home institution which must have a formal agreement with the University of Otago.

Application process:

1

CHECK THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Before applying to the University of Otago make sure you are eligible for entry and meet the English language requirements.

English language requirements

If English is not your first language you must provide evidence of English language proficiency in one of the following:

IELTS

6.0 in the academic module (with no individual band below 6.0)

Internet-based TOEFL

Score of 80 (minimum writing score of 20)

Germany

B2 or higher in each of the three components of the DAAD language test

Denmark

Minimum GPA of 6 in A-level English; or a minimum GPA of 9 in B-level English when graduating from Upper Secondary School.

Norway

Grade 4 or higher in English (any year) for the Upper Secondary Leaving Certificate.

For a full list of country requirements visit the website:

otago.ac.nz/future-students/international/otago661288

Academic eligibility

To be eligible for Study Abroad or Exchange you usually must:

- Be currently enrolled and have completed at least one semester of study at an accredited institution
- Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 minimum on a 4-point scale, or have a “credit”, “good”, or above average results.

Students who do not meet this criteria but wish to study abroad for one or two semesters are welcome to make an application and your individual eligibility will be confirmed.

2

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE

Go online to complete an application at

otago.ac.nz/study-abroad

The University operates an online application and enrolment system called eVision that allows you to apply online and supply relevant documentation as part of the process.

Documents required

You will be required to supply the following as part of the online application process:

- Copy of passport or birth certificate.
- Original or certified copies of academic transcripts of all previous tertiary level studies undertaken.
- Evidence of English language proficiency if required.

All documents must be certified/notarised by an authorised authority such as a principal, registrar, notary public, justice of the peace, or attorney. The University will also accept documents certified/notarised by staff of Study Abroad and Exchange offices.

3

OFFER OF PLACE

All applications will be acknowledged and assessed for eligibility. You can expect an outcome within four weeks of submitting your application.

4

SELECT YOUR PAPERS

Papers can be selected online through your student portal.

You are not normally permitted to take papers from Dentistry, Medicine, Medical Laboratory Science, Pharmacy and Physiotherapy degree schedules.

Check the subjects and papers section of the university website to ensure the papers you wish to take are offered in the semesters you plan to study at Otago.

otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects

Celine Clausen

Norway

“Kiwis are the friendliest and most helpful people I’ve ever met and the University of Otago is no exception – I feel so welcome here.”



A passion for surfing originally brought Celine Clausen from Norway to the University of Otago, but she was completely unprepared for the reality of what she found when she arrived here.

“I have been overwhelmed by the incredible lifestyle and the natural beauty of the surrounding environment. I knew there would be good waves but I had no idea that I would be paddling in the ocean alongside seals, sea-lions and penguins!”

The close proximity of the University and Dunedin as a whole was also something she was unaware of.

“I live super close to campus and the city centre, and I’m surrounded by students and good times. Only 15 minutes away there are beautiful beaches, nature and wildlife. Everything is so close. It’s also easy to travel around the South Island from Dunedin and explore more of what New Zealand has to offer.”

The friendly student culture at Otago is another factor that has made Celine’s time here enjoyable and she has found it easy to transition as an international student.

“Kiwis are the friendliest and most helpful people I’ve ever met and the University of Otago is no exception – I feel so welcome here. Students account for a large part of the population of Dunedin and internationals live alongside locals – I can guarantee you’ll have a blast!”

It’s not only the natural environment that has made an impact, the learning environment at Otago has also encouraged Celine to delve further into her study experience.

“Having smaller classes makes me really feel like I belong – it makes it easier and less intimidating to ask questions and really get to know the lecturers.”

And this relationship with students and lecturers has made Celine feel she is not just a number lost in the crowd.

“I have a really good relationship with my lecturers and I appreciate that they know my name and who I am. I feel they all want me to perform to the very best of my abilities and that they are happy to teach me and share their knowledge.”

Daniel Tiburcio Martinez

Mexico

“All of my lecturers are fantastic, I’m a student with a lot of questions and not once have they been unable to answer and help me understand my queries.”



Daniel Tiburcio Martinez is no stranger to travelling abroad from his home country of Mexico – it was whilst studying in Japan that he first heard about the University of Otago. One particular programme caught his eye and, even though he is currently an undergraduate student, Daniel already has big plans at Otago.

“I’m aiming to carry on into postgrad, I want to study for the Master of Applied Science (MAppSc). It’s such a versatile qualification – it doesn’t focus exclusively on one aspect of science and covers everything from mathematics to science communication.”

The level of communication and accessibility to lecturers has been something that Daniel, and many of Otago’s international students, find surprising.

“All of my lecturers are fantastic, I’m a student with a lot of questions and not once have they been unable to answer and help me understand my queries.”

Another feature of studying at Otago is the sheer beauty of the surrounding landscape and the juxtaposition of the quiet small-town feel of Dunedin next to the full noise of ‘student life’ on campus.

“Otago is a university with high academic standards, it is surrounded by beauty, nice people and it has a huge amount of ‘student spirit’.”

There are two factors that have stood out for Daniel that will always be a part of his memories from staying here: the incredibly nice people and the extraordinary experience of being taught by Professor John Harraway.

Quinn Fox

USA

Quinn Fox first heard about the University of Otago from a college friend who studied abroad.

"I chose Otago because of its location in the South Island and its access to nature. New Zealand just seemed like an adventurous, active place and that's exactly how I've found it to be."

Quinn comes from a small liberal arts college and has discovered that while she is among a much bigger population of students here she isn't just another number.

"Since Otago is such a large school I expected to blend into the crowd and have few connections with professors or my classmates, but I have not found that at all. Students are friendly and welcoming and professors are incredibly approachable."

The mix of academic pursuits and having fun at Otago appeals to her.

"There's a great balance of working really hard on academics but also having fun with personal interests like tramping or sports."

The teaching style was also not what she expected.

"Coming from a small school I expected the lectures at a large university to be distant and less involved, but I have not found that to be the case. My professors are extremely helpful, approachable and involved with the class."

Quinn is taking the chance to broaden her subject knowledge with unique options while she is at Otago.

"I am studying marine vertebrates, tartan noir, gender in everyday life, and Ngāi Tahu papers."

"Otago is a friendly, welcoming environment where you'll get a quality education whilst having access to some of the most beautiful places on Earth."



Hideshi Matsubara

Japan

Hideshi Matsubara, who is on exchange from Yokohama National University in Japan, is studying a mix of 200- and 300-level economics papers at Otago, as well as some Mandarin papers "just for fun".

"It's very good quality teaching here and very easy to understand. If I have a problem I can see a professor in office hours. They're very approachable."

Outside of study, Hideshi is enjoying experiencing new things. "I've always wanted to play squash but it's not so popular in Japan. There are no squash courts so I gave up on that. Here there's a club."

"I also go to Unipol gym twice a week. This facility is amazing. In Japan it costs a lot of money. Here I can go for free."

Hideshi has been pleasantly surprised by how easy it has been to meet people at Otago.

"In my first semester I lived in a University Flat (commonly referred to as UniFlats) close to campus with five other people – three Americans, another Japanese student and our Kiwi Host, who answered all my questions about the University. At the beginning I didn't know anything so it was very helpful," he says.

"The University flat was a great way to meet people and to improve my English."

"I met a lot of different people through my University flat and also through being in the Japanese Society. They're great ways to meet Kiwis."





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